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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Is it not a fact that the names of Messrs. Justice Venkatasubba Rao and Justice Devadoss were recommended by this Government when they were appointed to the High Court Bench ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I cannot answer."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" That is better ? "

Appointment of a Muslim to the High Court Bench.

* 1548 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the reasons why the claims of the Muslim community have not been considered when there were vacancies recently in the High Court Bench; and why no Muslim was appointed ?

A.—Permanent appointments to the High Court are made by His Majesty, and not by the Local Government.

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Pay and designation of the staff in the Madras Port Trust.

* 1549 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(1) to lay on the table of the House a complete and up-to-date, statement of—

(i) the total number and designation of posts carrying a salary of Rs. 200 and above and the class or community of individuals who are holding those posts in the Madras Port Trust;

(ii) the total number of posts carrying a salary of Rs. 100 and above and the class or community of the individuals holding such posts in the Port Trust;

(iii) the total number of posts carrying a salary of below Rs. 100 and the class or community of the individuals holding these posts in Port Trust, Madras;

(iv) the number of posts held—

(*a*) by Indians,

(*b*) by Europeans, and

(*c*) by Anglo-Indians in the Engineering department in the Madras Port Trust; and

(2) to state the reasons for the disproportion, if any, among the various communities in appointments in the Port Trust ?

A.—As the hon. Member is aware, the Local Government are merely the agents of the Government of India in regard to this matter—

I. The statements [a] required are placed on the table.

II. The sanction of Government is required only for appointments to the following posts:—

(1) Chairman and Traffic Manager.

(2) Deputy Port Conservator.

(3) Chief Engineer.

(4) Chief Accountant.

All other appointments are made by the Madras Port Trust Board or its Chairman.

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 270-271 infra.